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The Honorable Thomas S. Foley
Majority Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Foley:

Thank you for joining us for breakfast. I hope this will mark the beginning of a fruitful dialogue between us. To that end I have asked Dave Gries to arrange through Werner Brandt for an occasional briefing or reading of our intelligence product as your schedule permits.

I enclose a copy of "Intelligence in the War of Independence." This is an unclassified publication which should make interesting reading during one of your long flights back to Washington. You will notice that the United States, so to speak, was born amidst a covert action when Dr. Arthur Lee, Benjamin Franklin and the Adams brothers used covert action techniques still in use today to convince Louis XVI that Washington's army merited French support. And I'm certain that you will notice that Congressional oversight was effectively exercised from the outset. There was even a rash of leaks. The finger was pointed at Thomas Paine, and he was dismissed.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosure

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